

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	:	Attorney Docket No. 2006_1640A
Akira MIZUNO et al.	:	Confirmation No. 9383
Serial No. 10/594,387	:	Group Art Unit 1797
Filed October 17, 2006	:	Examiner Elizabeth L. McKane
METHOD OF STERILIZATION AND APPARATUS THEREFORE	:	Mail Stop: RCE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 30, 2009, the period for response having been extended for two (2) months by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows: